MTNL's ISD tariff prior to 10.4.2004

Country	Rupees per minute
Singapore/Malaysia/Hong Kong/Indonesia/Thailand	12
Countries in Africa, Gulf, Asia & Oceania	24
USA/UK/Canada/Europe	9.60
Rest of World	24

MTNL's ISD tariff w.e.f. 10.4.2004

Country	Rupees per minute
USA/UK/Canada/Singapore/Malaysia/Hong Kong/ Indonesia/Thailand/and countries with 001 access	9
Gulf/Africa & Rest of the World	18

Foreign Investment

†2425. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the investment made by foreign companies in the field of communication network development in various States of the country;

(b) the number of proposals received from the foreign companies by Government in the field of communication in North-Eastern States during the last three years and the number of proposals sanctioned therefrom; and

(c) the target set for investment during the first two years of the Tenth Five Year Plan period in this regard and the details of the investment actually made, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) made by foreign companies in the field of communication network development in various States of the country is about Rs. 9988 crore from August, 1991 to June, 2004.

(b) Details of the number of proposals received from foreign companies in the field of communication are not maintained State-wise.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

However, a Statement on State-wise break-up of FDI proposals approved in communication sector during the last three years *i e.* January, 2001 to December, 2003 is given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below). Where the location of the project is not indicated in the proposal, such approvals are covered under 'State not indicated' of the Statement. There is no specific proposal approved for FDI for North-East, in the area of communication sector

(c) Though there is mention of importance of FDI in telecom sector and need to encourage it, no targets were set for foreign investment in Tenth Five Year Plan

Statement

State wise break-up for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) & Foreign Technology Cases (FTCs) approved by Government during January 2001 *to December*, 2003 *sector Telecommunications*

(Amount in crore)

Sl No	Name of the State	No of Approvals			Amount of Foreign Direct Investment Approved (In Rs)	% to Total
		Total	Technical	Financial		
1	Andhra Pradesh	5	3	2	0 24	0 00
2	Gujarat	4	0	4	431 17	3 79
3	Haryana	8	0	8	115 78	1 02
4	Himachal Pradesh	3	1	2	810 83	7 13
5	Karnataka	9	1	8	476 17	4 19
6	Kerala	1	0	1	0 03	0 00
7	Maharashtra	56	0	56	952.27	8 37
8	Rajasthan	1	0	1	0 00	0 00
9	Tamil Nadu	16	0	16	702 78	6 18
10	Uttar Pradesh	2	0	2	0 06	0 00
11	West Bengal	5	0	5	222 76	1 96
12	Chandigarh	2	1	1	0 00	0 00
13	Delhi	67	1	66	2938 96	25 85
14	Goa	4	1	3	7 50	0 07
15	Pondicherry	2	0	2	0 49	0 00
16	State not indicated	37	1	36	4711 97	41 44
	GRAND TOTAL	222	9	213	11371 02	